

Freedom of Information

Exemption	Description	
Section 21	Information accessible by other means	Absolute
Section 22	Information intended for future publication	Qualified
Section 23	Information supplied by, or relating to, bodies dealing with security matters	Absolute
Section 24	Safeguarding national security	Qualified
Section 26	Prejudice to defence	Qualified
Section 27	Prejudice to international relations	Qualified
Section 28	Prejudice to relations within the UK	Qualified
Section 29	Prejudice to the economy	Qualified
Section 30	Investigations and proceedings conducted by public bodies	Qualified
Section 31	Prejudice to law enforcement	Qualified
Section 32	Court records (including tribunals)	Absolute
Section 33	Audits of Accounts / Audit functions	Qualified
Section 34	Parliamentary privilege	Absolute
Section 35	Formulation of Government Policy	Qualified
Section 36	Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs	Both
Section 37	Communications with Royals	Qualified
Section 38	Health and Safety	Qualified
Section 39	Environmental Information	Qualified
Section 40	Personal Information	Both
Section 41	Information provided in confidence	Absolute
Section 42	Legal professional privilege	Qualified
Section 43	Commercial interests	Qualified
Section 44	Disclosure prohibited under another Statute; prohibitions on disclosure	Absolute

All Qualified Exemptions are subject to Public Interest Test

Environmental Information Regulations

Exception	Description
Regulation 12(3)	Personal information
Regulation 12(4)(a)	Information not held when request received
Regulation 12(4)(b)	Manifestly unreasonable
Regulation 12(4)(c)	Request is too general
Regulation 12(4)(d)	Information which is unfinished or in the course of being completed
Regulation 12(4)(e)	Internal communications
Regulation 12(5)(a)	Adverse effect on international relations, defence, national security, and public safety
Regulation 12(5)(b)	Adverse effect on course of justice, ability to obtain fair trial, or ability to conduct an inquiry, or a criminal or disciplinary nature
Regulation 12(5) (c)	Intellectual property rights
Regulation 12(5) (d)	Confidential proceedings as provided by law
Regulation 12(5) (e)	Commercial or industrial confidentiality as provided by law
Regulation 12(5) (f)	Commercial interests
Regulation 12(5) (g)	Protection of the Environment
Regulation 12(6) and 12(7)	Neither Confirm or Deny
Regulation 12(9)	Emissions

All Exceptions under EIR are subject to Public Interest Test